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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE OF PROPOSED SPEECH MARCH 3 TO
INSTITUTO DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS NACIONALES

REFERENCE: QUITO 1170

1. THE SOVIET DESK ASKS THAT YOU MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES
IN YOUR SPEECH:

A) PARA 14 OF REFTEL: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "FIRST,
APPROXIMATE PARITY EXISTS IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR; EACH HAS THE POWER TO OBLI-
TERATE THE OTHER IN MINUTES."

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B) PARA 17: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "THERE IS EVIDENCE
THAT THE USSR IS DEVOTING A LARGE SHARE OF ITS NATIONAL
BUDGET TO MILITARY PURPOSES, INCLUDING CONVENTIONAL FORCES
OF ALL KINDS."

C) PARA 17: ADD THE FOLLOWING AS A THIRD SENTENCE: "WE, OF
COURSE, ARE MAINTAINING SUFFICIENT MILITARY FORCES IN ORDER

TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE."

D) PARA 21: FOURTH SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS THAT HAVE SLOWED US-SOVIET RAPPROACHMENT."

E) PARA 21: DELETE FIFTH AND SIXTH SENTENCES, AND INSERT: "DETENTE HAS NOT INHIBITED THE SOVIETS FROM ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL CONFLICTS AND TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA. WE ARE HOPEFUL, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THEY WILL SHOW GREATER RESTRAINT IN THE FUTURE."

F) PARA 22: FOURTH SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GENERAL CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH ARE BOUND TO AFFECT AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE; BUT THE VALUE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR OWN MERITS."

2. NEA ASKED THAT YOU CHANGE THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 20 TO READ: "THE HIGH PRIORITY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCORDED TO ACHIEVING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF THE CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA OBEYS TWO FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS: FIRST, OUR INTEREST IN PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REFLECTS A DEEPLY-ROOTED COMMITMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE SECURITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND TO THE ISRAELI PEOPLE ARISING FROM OUR COMMON MORAL HERITAGE, AND SHARPENED BY THE DREADFUL EXPERIENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN WORLD WAR II."

3. AF ASKS THAT YOU MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A) PARA 19: THE SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "IF THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS OF THE BLACK MAJORITIES IN THE AREA ARE NOT MET SOON, THE REGION COULD BE ENGULFED BY WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE, WHICH WOULD OFFER THE UNWELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL CONFRONTATION."

B) PARA 20: THE SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "OUR INTEREST IN RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA STEMS FROM A SIMILARLY STRONG SENSE OF FAIR PLAY, AND ALSO IS INTWINED WITH OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY AT HOME"?

C) PARA 20: SHOULDN'T THE FINAL SENTENCE READ: "DIRECT INVOLVEMENT" INSTEAD OF "DIRECT UNINVOLVEMENT"?

4. ARA/ECP AND S/P ARE STILL GOING OVER YOUR PROPOSED
REMARKS CONCERNING ECONOMIC MATTERS AND US-LATIN AMERICAN
RELATIONS. VANCE

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